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Of the SIEGE and TAKING of

BUDA,

BY THE

IMPERIAL ARMY,

( Under the Conduct of the Duke of *Lorrain*, and his  
Electoral Highness the Duke of *Bavaria*, ) Anno Dom.  
1686.

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By *Jacob Richards*, One of His Majesties Engineers, who was  
appointed by the Right Honourable the Lord *Dartmouth*, Master-  
General of His Majesties Ordnance, &c. to serve in the said  
Army, and who is now in the Service of the *Venetians* in the  
*Morea*.

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T O T H E

Illustrious and High-Born PRINCE

James Fitz-James,

DUKE of BERWICK, EARL  
of TINMOUTH, BARON  
of BOSWORTH, &c.

*May it please Your Grace,*

**A**S a True Relation of so Famous an Action as the Taking of BUDA, with a Journal and Faithful Accompt of the various Attaques and Successes of the Imperial Armyes in each day during the Siege of that ancient City, must needs divert and surprize the Understanding of such as are curious in Heroick Story, so, my Lord, I cannot help my own Presumption in thinking, that amongst all Mankind this Peice, collected with Study and Observation, onely ought to throw itself at Your Grace's Feet, who, persuing the Noble Chace of Glory, were pleased to be Eye-witness of all the ensuing Passages, and can best defend my  
a Assertions

## *The Dedication.*

Assertions from the Ridiculous Malice of such as envy me, either for being present at so Glorious an Action, or for addressing its History to so Extraordinary a Patron.

Amongst all those, that through a Noble Thirst of Fame voluntarily offer'd themselves to share the danger that must inevitably attend so difficult an Enterprize, the *English* Heroe was still most Obvious ; for Your Grace was so far from securing Your Person and Observations by a distant Remarque, that the Royalty of Your Courage would often precipitate You to the common Accidents of the Mercenary Vulgar , not valuing the Hazard of Your Person amongst the Hated Trunks of *Pagans* and *Infidels*, nor the trembling Hearts of such as honour'd You too much not to fear the fatal consequence of so many dangerous, though brave, Adventures.

No Attacque was ever made, no Mine sprung, no Battery mounted, nor no extraordinary Exploit design'd, but still Your Grace, either in Person, or in Will, was present, not considering how uncommonly eager each *Barbarian* would have been, to have pick'd out the Flower of all the Christian Cavalry, the Blooming *Genius* of *England*, the very Soul of Valor, Royalty, and Honour, and by one hallowed Shot to have sacrific'd him to his Moody Prophet, the ridiculous Impostor, *Mahomet* : But Your Guardian Angel, my Lord, that well



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well knew the unvalued Treasure committed to his Charge, and the glorious Character You were hereafter design'd by Providence to have in the mighty Records of eternal Fame, made the impartial Destinies stand aloof, encouraged by the Martial Fire still glittering in Your Eyes, and the Resolute Efforts of a Courage, that bravely shew'd the difference between the Sacred Blood of Monarchs, and the subjected Cement of the grovelling Vulgar, alluding, comparatively, Your Behaviour with that of Your Mighty Father, when the Poet addressing himself to Him, amongst the rest of his Lines, relating His Character, said thus :

*Bravest in Danger, Valiant, but not Rash,  
For when the Belgian Streamers brav'd the British Cross,*

*Then on the bloody Deck He seem'd to grow,  
Whilst Fate affrighted, and the Shot too low,  
Aw'd with the Terror of His dauntless Brow, &c.*

This, my Lord, without Flattery, I say, I may very well allude to Your Grace's Behaviour at the Siege of *B U D A*, for whoever had seen with what a blushing Constancy, and presence of Mind, You faced the worst of Dangers, which Thousands about Your Person could not remarque without the severest apprehensions of Fear, would have thought there must be some Divinity about You, as  
well

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well as Natural Courage, to support the Distress of so many Eminent Hazards to which You daily expos'd Your Person.

Nor do's Your Grace's excellent Character only extend itself to Arms and Glory, but branches into the Confines of Industry and Ingenuity: And You are equally Renown'd for Your love to Arts as well as the other, thus proving the Royal Nature of Your most August and Invincible Father, who has ever smil'd upon the Endeavours of such as study the Mathematicks, or any other Science conducing to the Benefit of His Kingdoms and Government, and has likewise shewn the greatest Encouragement to them of any of His Royal Predecessors. And as, my Lord, I am extremely sensible of the Virtues that clearly shine through all Your Actions, so now I cannot doubt a Pardon for my Ambition in Dedicating to Your Grace this my Labour, and humbly begging to be receiv'd amongst the Number of Your Admirers, and a Toleration to subscribe my self,

MY LORD,

YOUR GRACES,

*most Humble, most Devoted,*

*and most Obedient Servant,*

JACOB RICHARDS.



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**F**ield Marshal Count *Staremburg* with the Imperial *June 15.*  
Foot, and a Party of Horse, (amounting together  
to Thirteen Thousand Men,) came to *Wehel* on the  
*Danube*, where the Duke of *Lorrain* was Encamp'd  
with the Horse. We continued in this Place all Night in  
sight of *Buda*, the Horse with a small Body of Foot ever  
keeping One days March before the Foot and Baggage.

## *A Journal of the Siege*

The Horse and Foot decamp'd and march'd by favour of the Hills within reach of the Cannon of *Buda*. Count *Staremberg* halted here: But the Duke of *Lorrain* march'd over the Hills to the Valley of *St. Paul*, where there is a Way that leads to *Alba Regalis*. Here his Highness left a party of Horse to hinder the *Turks* Intelligence from abroad.

17,18. The *Bavarians* with about 16 or 17000 Horse were encamp'd on the East-side of the *Danube*; At their arrival 400 *Turks* who were in *Pest* made a Sally, but immediately retired with the loss of 8 Men, and fled into *Buda*. In their Retreat they broke the Bridge, leaving *Pest* to us undamag'd.

19,20. Nothing remarkable occur'd, the *Turks* firing only a few random Shot at some Baggage that pass'd over the Hills, but without Effect. The 20<sup>th</sup>, arriv'd several Boats down the River with Ammunition. The *Bavarians* have now finish'd their Bridge of Boats over the *Danube*, which they have pass'd, and march'd over the Hills where the Duke of *Lorrain* was. It is concluded, that the Duke of *Lorrain's* Attack should be at the North-End of the Town, and the Duke of *Bavaria's* at the South, and accordingly the Army is divided, the Duke of *Lorrain* having 3000 Horse, and 9000 Foot, 16 pieces of Cannon, 12 Mortars, with 15000 Bombs, Carcasses, &c.

21. Early this Morning the *Imperialists* began their Approaches at about 500 Yards distance from the Wall of *Lower Buda*, making use of their old Trenches. They began at the first Baths of *Old Buda*, and continued parallel with the Town to the top of the Hill, where they return with a small Espaulment, &c. as in the Plan. All this.



this Day and Night they continued their Works. In some places the Earth is so bad, that they are forc'd to make the Parapet of their Trenches with Faggins and Baskets fill'd with Earth. The Enemy fir'd at us continually, but without damage. This Morning, about 8 of the Clock, our Foragers return'd without Forage, and brought News, that a Body of *Turks* appear'd on the Hills that lead to *Alba Regalis*, and that they could not Forage without a good Body of Horse to cover them; upon which, General *Palfie* was commanded out with a Body of 12000 Horse, and march'd towards *Alba Regalis*, to face the *Turks*. About 10 of the Clock, a *Pole*, who was taken at the Siege of *Vienna*, made his Escape with the Bassa's Horse, Two Cemeters, and his Commanding Staff. He reports, that our Arrival before *Buda* was very surprizing. That the Garison is not half so strong, as when the Christians laid Siege to it in the Year 1684. when it consisted of 15000 Men, and now not above 7000. viz. 3000 Janisaries, 1000 Horse, 1000 Jews, and about 2000 Inhabitants. That the *Turks* had Intelligence, the Christians design'd to besiege *Alba Regalis* and *Erla*, which was true, it not being concluded to attempt *Buda* till the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, when at a General Council of War, held at *Comorra*, it was Resolv'd.

The Approaches were continu'd with Success, and a Battery rais'd against the *No. Port*. The *Turks* kill'd 8 Horsemen that were plac'd behind a Hill, to sustain the Pioneers in case of Sallies. 22.

At Break of Day the Battery was finish'd, and the Cannon mounted, which were ply'd against the Wall of the Lower Town, just against the *No. Port*. About 7 in the Morning a *Janisary* made his Escape out of the Town, and surrender'd himself upon a Dream the last Night, that the 23.

the Christians would become Masters of the Place, and put all to the Sword, as they had done the last Year at *New-Heufel*, and that if he should flee to the Christians, he might find Mercy. He said, the Garison was not above 6000 strong. The Battery aforesaid, consisting of 6 Pieces of Cannon, was so well Ply'd, as to make a Breach in the Wall of the Lower Town about 15 Paces broad, the Wall being about 5 Foot thick. This day two *Turks* appear'd on the side of *Pest*, and attempted to swim over to *Buda*, which they could not perform, but return'd towards *Erla*, ( the suppos'd Place they came from. ) Several of the Garison desil'd out of the *No. Port*, in expectation of our giving the Assault this Night. A Party likewise came to defend the Breach, upon which a Detachment of *Granadiers* were sent to molest them. We continue our Approaches all this Night, without Impediment from the Enemy.

14.

We had Intelligence, that several *Turkish* Women embark'd from *Buda*, with a design to pass down the *Danube* towards *Belgrade*, upon which 400 *Hussars* were sent after them in two Boats, who Boarded and Took them: They were of the *Bassa's* Family, who had sent them with his Treasure towards *Belgrade*. The Booty amounted to 10000 *l.* besides what the Women and Children will sell for. This day a Party of *Granadiers* were commanded to discover the Breach if it were Accessible, who reported it was, upon which Orders were given for the Storm in the manner following: *viz.* Fifty *Granadiers* and a Captain, to beat the Enemy from an *Espaulment* they had made to flank the Breach; After them a Lieutenant, and 50 *Musquetiers*, to sustain the *Granadiers*. Then followed an Engineer with 100 *Pioneers*, to make the Lodgment on the other side of the Breach, after which followed a Captain and 100 *Musquetiers* to sustain the *Pioneers*, and last



last of all a Major and 300 Men as a Rear-guard, and to face the Enemy in case of a Sally. This was executed about 10 of the Clock at Night, but with that Confusion, that had the *Turks* kept their Post, they might have cut them all off, but they retir'd into the Town, and kill'd only 2, and wounded 30 of our Men. We found nothing at all of Pillage, but 40 or 50 poor Horses. The Engineer made his Work in Form of a Horse-shoe, the two sides of which were flank'd from the Town. We expected the *Turks* would have sally'd upon us, but they were so far from that, as by their proceeding they thought themselves scarce safe in *Buda*, making a great Fire over against the *No. Port*, that they might see if we attempted any thing by Petard. They were very diligent at Night by shooting from their Batteries and Walls, but with little or no Effect.

We continued Masters of the Breach, and made our Lodgment capable of 100 Men. This day we made a Blind of Cannon-Baskets to communicate with the Approaches that were brought on from the Baths.

We cut a Line of Communication behind the Blinds, and made an Espaulment from the outside of the Wall of the Old Town, which flank'd all that side that leads to the Valley of *St. Paul*, to hinder the Enemy from attempting any thing on that side. About 4 in the Afternoon, a Body of about 200 *Turks* defiled out of the Town, and attempted to disturb our Pioneers; upon which Count *Auxburgh*, (a very gallant Gentleman,) with about 100 Musquetiers attack'd them, who immediately retired with the loss of 20 Men; on our side there were 3 kill'd, and 4 wounded. This Night Orders were given out for carrying on a Line of Communication with the Tower on the Old Wall looking into *St. Paul's* Valley, and the Lodg-

ment before the Breach. It was order'd likewise, that a Battery should be rais'd Parallel to the Tower, capable of 12 Pieces of Cannon. About 10 of the Clock, Cannon-Baskets and Faggots were brought to the Tower, in order to the raising a Battery. The *Turks* attempted nothing more this Night, but firing both Cannon and Small-shot on our Workmen, without any effect. This day my Lord *Muntjoy* was hurt in the Eye by a Cannon-shot from the Town, which graz'd amongst Stones.

27.

We prosecuted our Battery. About 3 a Clock in the Afternoon, a Body of 200 *Turkish* Horse sally'd out into *St. Paul's* Valley, and gallop'd towards the Hills, to intercept some Baggage that was going to the *Bavarian* Camp, but a Party of about 50 Horse belonging to Count *Taaff's* Regiment, who had the Avant-Guard, and being very well posted by favour of a little Hill, (under the Covert of which, the *Turks* came briskly on) continued at their Post, and waited their coming, and as the *Turks* came within Pistol-shot of the top of the Hill, advanced, and gave them a whole discharge of their Carabines, kill'd and wounded about 50 *Turks*, who, nevertheless, press'd on, but, a Party of 100 Musquetiers hastning from our Traverse by the Old Wall into the Valley, they retir'd, and at the same time about 400 *Janizaries* came out of the East Port, and posted themselves under the Cannon, to make good their Retreat, and kill'd and wounded about 16 of our Men.

28.

This day, the Line of Communication between the Lodgment and Angle of the Wall looking into *St. Paul's* Valley was finish'd, and another Line prolong'd from the Angle and Side of the Old Wall, so as to flank and discover any Sallies, that may be made out of the West Port, or Port of *St. Paul's* Valley. Nothing more occur'd, saving



ving that the *Turks* shot great quantities of Pebble-stones on our Pioneers, which wounded some.

The abovesaid Line was finished, and Orders were given to place four Mortar-pieces against Night ; About 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon, a Party of *Bavarians* attempted the taking some Sheep that were feeding in the Valley ; upon which the *Turks* made a Sally, which the Volunteers observing, advanc'd against them, and Engag'd so far, that the Duke of *Lorrain* in Person, with his own Guards, went to succor and bring them off. The *Bavarians* lost a Lieutenant-Colonel, two Lieutenants, and an Ensign, with about 20 or 30 of our Troopers. This Action of the Volunteers has by the Generals been greatly censur'd, and positive Orders given, that no Volunteers should offer to picqueur. This Night our 4 Mortars began to play, which set Fire to a Church, but it was soon put out. The *Turks* continue to shoot Stones at us. 29.

Four *Grecians*, who were Slaves in the Town, having the keeping of a Flock of Sheep, were at Pasture with them in *St. Paul's* Valley, and being near the *Bavarians* fled to them, the whole Flock, which consisted of 800 Sheep, following them. These People could inform us of nothing, but that the *Turks* were very hard at work in making Retrenchments. They likewise say, there was a Mutiny of the *Janisaries* against the Bassa. The *Janisaries* in the last days Skirmish carried in two Christians, for which they demanded 10 Ducats each as their due, but the Bassa gave them but 10 Grosses per Head, which is 18 d. sterling. We continued working in our Trenches, and are now Half-way between the Old Wall and that of *Buda*. 30.

July 1. Our Battery was finish'd, and we began to Fire upon the Angle of the Round Tower, which looks towards *St. Paul's Valley*. At the same time the four Mortars play'd, and with so good success, as to dismount the Guns on that Tower, and our Cannon dismantled the Wall for about 6 Paces. About 10 of the clock in the morning, a Turkish Boy made his Escape. He said, that Provisions began to be scarce, and that our Bombs had kill'd many of the *Turks*, and had dismounted the Cannon on the Great Tower. We observ'd the Enemy at work on the East-Port, to which place they had advanc'd a Spurr, and brought Gabions, as if they design'd to make a Battery there, expecting we would attacque them on that side.

2. Our Battery consisting, of twelve 24 Pounders, was ply'd diligently upon *St. Paul's* corner Tower, and the Tower next the North Port, making considerable Breaches in both of them, though not accessible, yet so, as to take the Defence wholly from them. Several Carcasses have been shot to set Fire on the Town, but as yet we have not learn'd with what success. Last Night two Boats came up the *Danube* and got into the Town, they are suppos'd to be Engineers and Gunners that were in *Erla*, which we have reason to believe, forasmuch as this day we receiv'd more Bombs than ordinary from them, and very nigh our Battery, one of which fell into our Trenches and kill'd two of our Men. This Evening the Duke of *Lorrain* went over to *Pest*-side, and gave Orders for making 2 Redoubts on the shore, and left a Flying Camp consisting of 600 *Hussars*, to hinder the Enemy from succour by Boat.

3. We carry'd on our Trenches, and took in a Turkish Mosque, from whence we return'd with an Angle and Parallel Line with *Buda*, till we came to the Right-hand way going



ing to North Port, at which 3 Lines met by favour of a Wall and deep Road, under which our Men were Cover'd. We mounted 4 Mortars more just by the former, which Play'd continually into the Town. Our Cannon have now made a considerable Breach. This day a Janisarie deserted, who inform'd us, that their Garison was weak, consisting of not above 2500 Janisaries, 1000 Spahis, 1000 Jews, and about 3000 Inhabitants, Men, Women, and Children: That Provisions were very scarce, that our Bombs and Carcasses had ruined many of their Buildings, one of which kill'd 12 Janizaries, as they were Relieving the Guard. We have advice, that the *Brandenburgs* were within 4 hours March of us.

Orders were given to advance a Line, from the Place where the 3 Lines met, so as to Flank the outermost of them, and joyn the Wall of the Old Town looking into *St. Paul's Valley*, which was accordingly done, and a Place of Arms made of a Building capable to hold about 2 or 300 Men. Behind and Parallel to the Line, which went from the Building, and home to the Wall, was made a Cover'd Place for a Battery of 4 Mortars. The *Turks* Fired more this Night than ordinary. We are now within 50 Paces of the Breach, which with the Light of the Moon encouraged the Enemy, not to spare either Musquet Ball or Stones, tho with no great Effect, we not losing above 3 or 4 Men, and 5 or 6 wounded. About 3 in the Morning we were under ground, well Cover'd from the Enemies Fire and capable of maintaining our Works, if they should attempt to molest us. We now discover'd, that the *Turks* were making a kind of 2. Faussebray just before the Breach, whereof the Generals being acquainted, did not however think it worth the while to disturb them. About 8 of the Clock the  
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finishing of the Banquets and enlarging of the Trenches was left to the Officers and Soldiers, who were Posted there according to their method. About 3 in the afternoon, the *Brandenburgs* arrived on *Pest* side, whither the Duke of *Lorraine* went to see them. They Receiv'd his Highness with 3 Salutes of Ordnance, small Arms, and several Bombs and Carcasses. His Highness immediately allotted them their Quarters, and in what place they should carry on their Attacque, *Viz.* on our Left, which was accordingly done, they Posting themselves by favour of the ground, where they were well cover'd from the Town. About 8 at Night a Serjeant and 10 Granadiers were sent to the Breach to discover what the *Turks* were doing, whom they found Mining towards us, upon which Orders were given to advance a Counter-Mine from the 2d Traverse and inside of the Old Wall, looking into St. Paul's Valley, towards the *Turks*, with directions that if the Miners should meet with the *Turks* Mine, to Vent it, otherwise to advance under the foot of the Wall, and then make the best use we could of ours.

5. About 8 of the clock in the Morning, our Miners were about 20 foot under ground. The Battery of 4 Mortars is fixed, and begins to play, by flinging great quantities of Stone into the Town. The *Brandenburgs* have advanc'd 2 Parallel Lines, Communicating with ours on the Left; They lost a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, and 10 Men, besides their General's Son, who was sitting in their Trenches, and discover'd by 2 Janisaries to be a Man of Note, who approaching by the advantage of some ruins shot him dead. We continue Plying our Artillery, which about 9 at Night set Fire to the *N: W:* part of the Town, which continued very great till towards Morning. It's believ'd, we burnt at this time near half the Town.



The *Brandenburgers* have joyn'd us with these 2 last 6, & 7. days Trenches. We are now within 30 Paces of the foot of the Wall. The first Mine is quitted, and 2 more begun in the last approaches. We have added 2 more Mortars to the Battery in the Lower Town. For these 2 days past nothing Extraordinary has hapned, except a Bomb of the *Turks* which fell into our Battery of Twelve 24 Pounders, which set fire to a Barrel of Powder, kill'd 2 Gunners and 4 Matrosses, which was repaid them, by setting their Town on fire in several places, and killing with our Bombs and Carcasses above 500 of the Enemy, (as a Deserter reports,) the *Turks* having dismounted the *Bavarians* Battery, which has been silent these 24 hours.

We found, that the Battery of the *Swabish* Hill did not 8. the Execution was propos'd, the Cannon not carrying home, upon which it was order'd, that 5 Guns of the *Spanish* Fire-Master's invention should be plac'd on the same Hill, and the other taken away, which accordingly was done; they play'd into the Breach, and between the two Walls, incommoding the *Turks* very much, the Town lying open to the Hill. It rain'd very hard all this Night.

About 4 in the Morning the *Turks* sprang one of their 9. Mines, which choak'd ours, in which were seven Miners, after which they Sally'd out in great numbers; About 400 fell in between the *Imperialists*, and *Brandenburgers*, the later of which retir'd before we had the Alarum, so that we came by the worst on't; We lost in this Action above 150 Men, a Lieutenant Colonel and several other Officers. The *Turks* retired without doing harm to our Works with the loss of Ten Men, whose Heads were set on the top of the Breach. It was expected, they would have made another Sally, for which every body was prepar'd,

par'd, and matters so order'd, that they should have been cut off in their Retreat. This Night, the *Spanish* Mortars were fix'd on the Left, and somewhat behind our Battery looking into *St. Paul's Valley*. Our Bridge is broken down by a storm.

15. News was brought, that 6000 *Turks* was seen off of *Erla*, and were within 4 *Hungarian* Miles of us, upon which the Duke of *Lorraine* Order'd General *Commercy* with a party of 3500 Horse to March that way to face the Enemy, and cover our Foragers; Likewise 1000 Foot and 500 Horse were Posted on *Pest-side* to cover and secure our Bridge, at the Head whereof they are now Encamp'd. Ours and the *Brandenburghers* Trenches are advanc'd home, and joyn'd towards the Left, in which the *Brandenburgers* have plac'd a Battery of six 24 Pounders, likewise towards the Left have rais'd one of three 24 Pounders, both which play cross-ways on the Palisades.

16. The *Turks* and *Tartars* towards *Erla* retir'd upon our advancing. The *Spanish* Fire-Master has shot several Bombs out of his Mortars, which threw them extraordinary high. We observe, that the Bombs flung out of his Mortars very rarely brake, which is imputed to the depth the shell sinks into the Earth, which stifles the Fuze. We are now compleating our Trenches, and advancing our 2 Mines. That under the middle Tower is 8 foot under the Wall, and will be ready to be charg'd in 24 hours. The *Brandenburgers* have now compleated their Battery of 22 small Guns for the shooting of Red-hot Iron Bullets. It is behind and somewhat to the Left of our Platform of Twelve 24 Pounders. It has play'd all this day, but we don't yet perceive any Effect thereof. They have likewise erected a Battery of Howits, on the Left of their other Battery, but



but more under the Wall of the Lower Town: These Howitts are mounted on Carriages somewhat resembling those of Cannon, the body has the form of a Mortar's, but a much longer Chamber and Chace, and is more fortified by the Trunions, than at the Breech and Muzzle. They shoot out of them a Bomb fill'd with Combustible Composition, which I believe may be of good effect.

Early this Morning, the Enemy sprang another Mine, which likewise choak'd ours, blew up part of the middle Tower, and has shaken it very much: We have now began one towards the Mosque, just on the Left of the same Tower, and another on the Right towards St. Paul's Valley. I am off opinion, they do not sink their Sap deep enough, and that the *Turks* in Counter mining have a great advantage, by being always undermost, which they certainly have been, otherwise they would have weakened their own Wall, and made passage for us.

This Morning 2 Engineers and 2 Officers were sent to discover the Breach, which they reported to be accessible, upon which his Highness the Duke of *Lorrain* resolv'd, that a Lodgment should be made thereon, and every thing was order'd accordingly. The Cannon and Mortars play very smartly all day to break the Palisadoes on the Top of the Breach; The time appointed was 8 at Night, and the Assault to be on this manner, *viz.* a Captain and 50 Granadiers were to mount the Tower on the Right, and a Captain and 50 Granadiers to mount the middle Tower on the Left; After that, each Barty was to be follow'd with a Captain and 50 Musquetiers, then 2 Engineers, a Sub-Engineer, and an Undertaker, accompany'd by 100 Pioneers each, to go to the Right and Left of the Breach, and these to make two Lodgments; Then were 2 Lieutenant Colonels and 500 Men to sustain these, and

as many more ready, and under Arms to sustain them. The Sign was to be the Quick Discharge of Artillery, which being given, the Granadiers mounted, but the *Turks*, having some intelligence of our purpose, receiv'd us with great Fire of Musquets and Granadoes, and an infinite quantity of Stones. The *English* Volunteers, accompany'd by the *Spaniards*, and a few *French*, were in this Action; Those that went to the Left were, after a small Dispute, beaten off, by the springing of a Fugade. The Engineers and Pioneers, instead of going to the Right and Left, fix'd in the middle of the Breach between the Fires of the two Towers, they had neither Sand-Sacks, Gabions, nor Cask, nor above 40 Fagots to make this Lodgment, and in this Confusion continued there in number about 3 or 400, for the space of three quarters of an hour, without being able to gain the Palisadoes. The *Turks* seem'd once to give way, but finding we did not advance, return'd upon us more vigorously, and spared neither Musquet Ball, Granadoes, Lances, Arrows, nor Stones. These flew like Hail, and kill'd us more Men than any thing else. At last we retir'd, which the *Turks* seeing, fall'd out at the Port where the *Brandenburgers* were entrenched, who receiv'd them so well, that they retir'd with the loss of 18 Men, whose Heads were put up on their uppermost Line: What Men we lost is not yet known; Among the *English* there was Captain *Rupert*, Mr. *Wise-man*, Mr. *Moore*, and Captain *Talbot* kill'd; Colonel *Forbes*, Captain *St. George*, Captain *Bellasis*, and my Lord *Savile*, wounded by Musquet shot, besides several others hurt with Stones.

14.

After our Dead were carry'd off, a List was given in to his Highness the Duke of *Lorrain* of the kill'd and wounded, viz. 1000 Soldiers, besides Officers, 50 Volunteers, most of which are Noblemen, the rest of the day was employ'd



employ'd in burying the Dead. The *Turks* continued their Colours flying on the top of the Breach.

Orders were given for enlarging the Trenches next the Breach, they being found in the Assault too streight, and the cause of a great deal of Confusion. This day Letters were intercepted from *Hamet* Bassa to the Bassa of *Buda*, bidding him be of Courage, for that he would certainly come to his Relief. About 4 in the Afternoon, we heard the *Turks* at work, just on the Right of our Left Gallery, going from the Mosque, upon which we began another on the Right of the Mosque, with intention to obstruct them if upon a Level with us, and continued the other also. The *Brandenburgers* have play'd so hard on the Left of the Round Tower, that it is quite demolish'd.

15.

We pierc'd the Wall of the Lower Town looking into *St. Paul's* Valley, and carry'd on a 3d Angle Salliant, and rais'd a Battery of *Spanish* Guns on that side which regards the Round Tower, which have been well ply'd, and with so good Success, as to have ruin'd its Defence looking into the Valley, which annoy'd our Men in the Line of Contravallation, and Communication, which we are carrying on in the said Valley to join the *Bavarians* on the other end of the Town, who have now lodg'd themselves on the top of the Breach by the advantage of two Mines which they sprang, in which Action they lost but 12 Men.

16.

Early this morning, another Battery of Mortars was raised in the Lower Town; The Captain of the Battery is a little Man, who formerly lost both his Hands by the charging of a Cannon, which was not well spung'd. He is esteem'd a knowing Man in shooting of Bombs, and other artificial Bodies. Amongst others, his throwing 14

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or 15 Hand-Granadoes at once out of a Mortar. This day a *Turk* fled to us, and reports, that they lost above 500 Men in the last Assault; Likewise that their Vaults could not resist the Force of the *Spanish* Bombs, one of which falling through an Arch, kill'd and wounded 80 Men, Women and Children. Our greatest Talk now, is of a speedy Battel with the *Turks*, who advance towards us apace. We have about 6000 Horse on *Pest* side, encamp'd there for the Security of our Bridge, and to hinder Succors to the Town by Boats. This Night the *Bavarians* sprung a Mine, and made themselves Masters of the Faussebray the Enemy had made at the foot of the Rondel.

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Early this morning, the *Bavarians* posted themselves at the foot of the Breach, with the loss of a Lieutenant-Colonel, and 30 or 40 Men. News came to the Duke of *Lorraine*, that an Army of *Turks* appear'd on this side the *Danube*, upon which our Guards were doubled, but it proved false. The Horse the next day were order'd to march that way. The Enemy was expected, upon advice that the Grand Visier was marching towards us with an Army of 40000 Men. This day Mr. Kerr, a *Scotch* Gentleman, was kill'd in the Trenches.

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We added more Cannon to our Batteries, and ply'd them incessantly on the two Flanks of the Round Tower, which incommoded us so much in our last Attacque.

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About break of day the *Turks* fall'd on the *Bavarian* side so vigorously, as to beat them quite out of their Lines; kill'd a *Saxon* Colonel, the Colonel of the Artillery, and above 150 Men; Nail'd up a Battery of Cannon and 2 Mortars, and so retir'd, overturning their Gabions, and all without any considerable loss. About an hour after the

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Enemies principal Magazine blew up, which stood near the Castle looking towards *Pest*; The *Danube* is here above 500 Paces over, beyond which flew Stones of very great size. By this Accident a great part of the Wall was demolished. The Duke of *Lorrain*, with several other Generals, went over to *Pest* side to observe the Damage, which seem'd so great, that several were of Opinion we should immediately storm the Town in that place, but many difficulties arise, *viz.* That at that distance we could not discern, whether the Breach were accessible or not, and that our men would be greatly expos'd to the Cannon there. This Night a Deserter came out of the Town, and reported they had lost by the blowing up of the Magazine 1500 men.

This day the Duke of *Lorrain* sent a Letter to the Governor of *Buda*, which was deliver'd at the head of a Pike; as soon as it was read, the *Turks* hung out a white Flag on the top of the Breach, which caus'd a Rumor in the Army that they would Capitulate. There was a Cessation of Arms on both sides for the space of 2 hours, during which time several of our men discours'd with the *Turks* in the Breach; This time being expired, 4 men were desired to advance towards the Gate that leads to *Alba Regalis*, at which 4 Horsemen came out, one of them delivering the Visier's Answer wrapp'd up in Sattin; at parting, one of the *Turks* presented the Interpretation with an embroider'd Handkerchief. The Letter his Highness sent imported, That he thought them not in a state much longer to resist, that he was ready to give a General Assault, in which if they succeeded, they would be all put to the Sword, Man, Woman and Child, as at *New-Hensel*; And that in Charity to save the effusion of so much Blood, he gave them that Notice, that they might timely deliberate for their Safety. This Letter the *Turks* answer'd  
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in three lines, viz. *That they thought his Highness would justifie them, that they had hitherto done like brave Men, that they were resolv'd to continue in so doing, that God punish'd the Vain-glorious.*

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This day was design'd for a General Assault, but the Council being divided, and the *Bavarians* not ready, it was deferr'd. To day arrived about 2000 *Heydukes* and *Hussars*, who encamp'd at the Head of Count *Taaff's* Quarters on the *Danube* side.

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Early in the morning, the Rondel, which the *Bavarians* had batter'd at the Foot, fell, and the way into the Town or rather Castle made very passable. In the afternoon the *Turks* sprang a Mine at the Foot of the Rondel, looking into *St. Paul's Valley*, and sally'd out with about 50 Men, on that side, upon which our Men that were nearest quitted their Line, and push'd them very bravely back. In the mean time they made another Sally on the Left, in a much greater number, falling upon the *Brandenburgers*, and cut several of them in pieces, who immediately rallying repuls'd them very smartly with equal loss. A party likewise attack'd the *Heydukes* that were nigh the River, encamp'd under the Wall of the Old Town, sometimes the *Turks* with great Cryes of *Allah, Allah*; Then the *Heydukes* rallying, push'd the *Turks* with great Cryes of *Hida, Hida*, and would be sometimes so mix'd, as one could scarce distinguish them. Thus the Skirmish continu'd for two hours, with the loss of about 100 Men on each side. Lieutenant Colonel *Arty* was shot in the Leg.

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News came, that the Enemy approached, and had sent 15000 Men to observe us, and attempt putting relief into the Town. Our Mines not succeeding, it was resolv'd to burn the Palisadoes of the Breach by Artificial Fire,



Fire, in order to an Assault the next day. The Wind was favourable on the *Bavarian's* side, and burnt the Palisadoes to the Ground, but on the *Lorrain* side the Fire would not fix, but did rather incommode ourselves, both Fire and Smoak coming on our Lines.

The Duke of *Lorrain*, being resolv'd to give a General Assault, order'd the Cannon to play very smartly on the Palisadoes, which had very good Effect. About 4 in the Afternoon the Signal was given from the *Swabes* Hill by Cannon. The *Imperialists* went on first, attacking the middle of the Curtain, and the great Tower on the Right, where they were twice beaten off, before they could reach the Palisadoes on the top of the Breach. At the same time the *Brandenburgers* and *Heydukes* attack'd the Tower on the Left, with a slow, but very firm pace, marching in Battalion, mounted the Breach, and fixed themselves on the top of the Palisadoes, and maintain'd them, which the *Imperialists* seeing, mounted the third time to the Palisadoes, which many of them pass'd, and having lodg'd themselves on the Tower on the Right, mann'd it with their own Men, where they were no sooner entred, but a Fugade overturn'd the whole surface of the Rondel Men and all, which did not so discourage us but a second Battalion took the Post, who were treated in the same manner with the first by a lower degree of Fugades or *Jorneaux*, a third follow'd when a large Mine sprung, which beat them off again, however this Post was repossess'd by the *Imperialists* who maintain'd it with great bravery, the Duke of *Lorrain* all this while at the Foot of the Breach encouraging his Soldiers. The *Bavarians* likewise lodging themselves in a Rondel, entred into a Court of the Castle, where was a Battery of 9 Guns and 4 Mortars; It was a *Saxon* Captain who first entred by a small Embrazure, and finding the place very open, and overlook'd

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by the Castle, nayl'd up the Cannon and Mortars, and so retir'd to the Lodgment on the Breach.

28. Our Lodgment on the top of the Breach was now better secur'd, and a Parapet of Sand-sacks made for the better covering of our Men; Likewise the ruins of the Breach made more easy for the coming and going to the top of the Lodgment, and the Fire put out of the Palisadoes of our Lodgment, which the *Turks* had made up on the quitting of it, which gave us no small trouble. This day the Miners were fixed to the 2d Wall.
29. We sprung 3 Mines with no great success, yet they help'd to fill the Ditch, which was between our Lodgment and the 2d Wall. The *Turks* planted 2 pieces of Cannon in a high Steeple, which overlook'd all our Works, and kill'd many of our Men, upon which 3 Guns were pointed upon them, which were ply'd so well, that they were soon dismounted, and the Tower almost beaten down. This day likewise a Scaffold was erected on the top of the Breach for a Platform of Guns. Two Mines more are begun.
30. Provisions of Cask and Sand-Sacks are order'd to be made and thrown into the Ditch. In the evening the Duke of *Lorrain*, with the concurrence of the Duke of *Bavaria*, sent a second Summons to the Town, by the Count de *Lomberg*, to whom the *Turks* reply'd, that an Answer should be sent the next day, it being too late then. Notice was given us by some Boors of *Hungaria*, that the Grand Visier was to pass the Bridge of *Essecke* the 28th Instant, and that 6000 Men were march'd before, whom they left 18 *Hungarian* Miles off. Three Cannon are mounted on our new Lodgment, and begin to fire.



In the Morning, about 9 of the Clock, the *Turks* return'd an Answer to the General's Letter, letting him know, *That the Town was in the hands of God, and that they could not give it up, but if they would receive another Place in lieu of it, they would Treat thereupon.* But the General's Reply was, That his Imperial Majesty had commanded him forthwith to Surrender, or never more to expect Offers of Capitulation. After this, the Duke of *Lorraine* order'd two Mines to be sprung, which were ready under the second Wall; That towards the Right destroy'd the Wall very much, but made little or no Breach through, but endamaged our new Battery on the top of the Breach. In the Evening, the Enemy sent two Messengers to the Duke of *Bavaria*, whereupon his Highness sent two Hostages, and there was a Cessation of Fire for about two hours. The Bassa then propos'd to deliver the Town, if we would conclude a Peace on its Surrendry, which he said he had power to do, urging the Advantage it would be to the Emperor. This was answer'd by the Duke of *Bavaria*, that he would do them what Service he could, but had no Commission to conclude a Peace; upon this, the *Turks* return'd, and we renew'd our Fire. This day Count *Staremburg* was shot in the Hand and Neck, as he was looking through the Sand-Sacks on the top of the Breach.

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Two Cannon more were added to the Battery on the Lodgment, and our Mortars were brought nearer to the Foot of the said Lodgment. More Cask and Sand-Sacks were ready for filling the Ditch. Our Horses which were sent to *Alba Regalis*, and the Bridge of *Essecke*, are return'd, bringing News of the *Turks* Approach.

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2. We prosecuted the filling of the Ditch, and Orders were given to the Engineers for tracing out our Lines of Circumvallation, which being once done is compleated by the Regiments, whose Officers take care to encourage and forward the Work, the Engineer reviewing the Works somtimes, that no mistake be committed. All the Talk now is of the Enemy's advancing.

3. Early this Morning, things were in a readines for a general Assault, which began on the *Bavarians* side, who, after a small time, retired, finding the *Turks* too well barricado'd and prepar'd for them, who were no ways fitted for the Enterprize, so they made their Retreat to their Lodgment with the loss of about 50 Men; At the same time, a Mine was sprung on the *Lorrain* side, which did nothing but shake the second Wall, and throw a few Stones into *St. Paul's* Valley. The ill success of this Mine had alter'd the Duke of *Lorrain's* purpose of making the Assault this day, but, upon the arrival of a Messenger from the Duke of *Bavaria*, who brought word that they had begun and could not go back, his Highness the Duke of *Lorrain* order'd a Party of Dragoons to quit their Horses, and pass the Ditch, which they very bravely perform'd, accompany'd with some Foot, in all to the number of 300 Men. The Descent and Ascent was very difficult, so that the *Turks* had time to receive them very finartly. The Duke of *Lorrain* perceiving that this Attempt would not succeed without a necessity of still relieving them by fresh Men, and being loth to expose so many, in so open and large a Ditch, to Stones, Granadoes, Arrows, Bullets, and Fire-Trunks, and at the same time receiving advice that the *Bavarians* were retir'd, his Highness order'd likewise a Retreat, but not half our Men  
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came back. We lost in this Action two Lieutenant Colonels, and two Majors; General *Megrett* was wounded in the Foot by an Arrow, and my Lord *Mountjoy* in the Face with a Musquet-shot.

We advanc'd our Lodgment to the Tower on the Right, looking into *St. Paul's* Valley, and continued our Line of Circumvallation. 4.

We had News, the Grand Visier had not yet pass'd the Bridge of *Essecke*, and that it was thought he would hardly leave that Post, being very apprehensive, that General *Schultz*, who commanded in *Croatia*, might fall upon it, and burn it, as General *Leslie* had done formerly. We are likewise inform'd, that 6000 *Turks* are marching towards us, to endeavour the putting Succor into the Town. In the Evening, the *Bavarians* discover'd a Gallery of the *Turks*, which they possess'd. 5.

This Morning, a Party of *Hussars* brought in five *Turkish* Prisoners, who told us, that the Sersaquier was at *Alba Regalis* with about 20000 Men, and that by this time the Grand Visier must have pass'd the Bridge of *Essecke* with a much greater Force. This News made us work very hard to compleat our Lines, that the whole Army might be encamp'd within them. 6.

We continued working on our Lines, and to press our Miners in their Work under the second Wall to blow away the Palisadoes, which to us seem stronger and stronger every day. The News of yesterday is confirmed. 7.

8. Early this Morning, some *Turks* and *Tartars* appear'd on the Hill, having surpriz'd and cut off our advanc'd Guard of 100 *Hussars*, upon which we sounded to Horse to receive them. They continued there about two hours skirmishing with some of our *Hungarians*, and so retir'd, and we return'd to our Camp. This day our Bridge above the Town was remov'd, being thought too far from our Camp, and another was made below the Town where the *Bavarians* were encamp'd.
9. Early this Morning, we heard a great Noise towards our Trenches, much resembling Shooting, which at first we thought to be some Sally of the *Turks*: It continued for a time, which made the Duke of *Lorrain* hasten thither, where his Highness was told, that the *Turks* had thrown a Bomb amongst a parcel of Hand-Granadoes, in number about Four thousand, which made that Noise, killed two Men, and slightly wounded Count *Archinto*, who then commanded in the Trenches. Towards Noon, the *Turks* appear'd upon the Hills where they were the day before.
10. Little of Moment occur'd.
11. Our Miners reported to his Highness, that their three Mines under the second Wall were ready, upon which he order'd, that all things should be prepar'd by the next Morning for a general Assault.
12. Every thing was in good order by break of Day, and the Mines sprung, which, like the rest, had no other effect than the killing our own Men, with which the Duke of *Lorrain* was greatly displeas'd, saying aloud, 'Twas well  
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*Field-Battels depended not on Miners*, and so order'd the Soldiers that were commanded to the Trenches, to retire to their Camp. The whole Army was order'd to march at eight of the Clock at Night to get over the Valley, and gain the Brows of the Hills which lie betwixt us and the Enemy, (on which the *Turks* were encamp'd,) and to fall on them at break of Day, but as we were ready to advance, News was brought that the Grand Visier was arrived, and at the same time we perceiv'd their Camp to advance, and Fires kindled on the Descent of those Hills we design'd to gain, so that we were all order'd back to our Tents.

This Morning at eight of the Clock, the *Turks* Army began to march down the said Hills, as if they intended to attack our Lines; The Duke of *Lorraine* observ'd a Party to march towards our Right, as if they design'd to gain some Hills which commanded a great part of our Lines, and at that time the Right Wing of our Army; the Duke of *Lorraine*, apprehensive of this, commanded the Army to march out of the Lines, and made the Right Wing stretch to the very top of the said Hills, making an even Front with the rest, and so we continued in this Order, the Enemy still advancing but very slowly. The Left Wing, commanded by the Duke of *Bavaria*, stood in their Lines which join'd the *Danube*, the whole Line was well furnish'd with Cannon and Bombs under ground about 50 Paces from it. This Line is very complete, reaching from the *Danube* side in a very strait Line cross the Plain to some steep Hills, that are at this time cover'd with the *Brandenburgh* and other Auxiliaries, our Right Wing consisting of old Imperial Regiments which reach'd to the top of the said Mountains, the general Form was one Squadron, and two Battalions, which Order was observ'd

observ'd likewise in their Encamping, as may be seen in the Plan of *Buda*. The Battalions took up a great deal of ground to make a great Show, though very weak in number at this time.

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About five in the Morning, we perceiv'd the Enemy marching down again into the Plain with three or four great Detachments on their Left Wing, which separated and march'd along the Valley to get behind the Hills which were on our Right, thinking to gain them, and fall on our Right Wing in Flank and Rear, in order to the putting Succor into the Town; but the Duke of *Lorrain* perceiving their design, order'd seven Regiments of Horse, and some *Hungarians*, under the Command of General *Dunwalt*, *Taaffe* and *Palfie*, to march up the Hills, and possess the top of them, facing the Enemy. We were no sooner up, but immediately the *Turks* appear'd on our Left, who still made towards us, there being a deep Valley between; presently appear'd others on our Right where the Valley ended, their Body not being come up, kept skirmishing for the space of an hour with some *Hungarians*, when of a sudden the Hills were cover'd with the Enemy, who immediately gave us a discharge of eight pieces of Cannon, and with terrible Cries fell most furiously on the *Hungarians*, who immediately gave way, whereupon Count *Taaffe*, &c. advanc'd, Mr. *Fitz-James* and the *English* Volunteers being in the first Rank. This Charge was perform'd with that Gallantry, that the Enemy could not endure it, but immediately fled as fast as they came on. We persw'd them about a League, the way being so very bad for the Foot, that most of the *Janisaries* were cut off, the rest fled into the Plains, Bushes and deep Hollows which lead into the Valley, where they had a great Reserve, which made us halt, till the rest of  
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the Party were come up, who had made a great Circuit in pursuing those, who fled into the Plains that lay between our Camp. From hence we observ'd the rest of the *Turks* Army scatter'd like Flocks of sheep. As soon as the seven Regiments had beaten the *Turks* on the Hills, his Highness advanc'd his Right Wing from the Heights towards the Plain, the *Brandenburgers* and Auxiliaries quitting their Lines, and marching in good Order towards the Enemy, before the *Bavarians* ( who were the Left Wing, ) had got half over the Plain. The *Turks* Right Wing retires to the top of their Hills, which were very difficult of Access, and there left a Party, and sends the rest to the Left Wing, which now is very hard press'd by General *Taaffe* and *Dunewalt*, which, with the Duke of *Lorrain's* motion on the same side, gave the *Turks* some Apprehensions, they not stirring from the Foot of their Hills, we continued in our aforesaid Order, galling them as much as possibly we could with our Field-pieces, at which time a Party of *Turks* attack'd very briskly the Left of our Right Wing, where a Party of *Hungarians* were posted, who soon gave way, and had not General *Taaffe* with two or three Squadrons of Dragoons come up to sustain them, ( the Enemy having already forc'd our Line, ) 'tis believ'd they would have endanger'd the putting Succor into the Town; shortly after, a Party was seen to detach from their Left towards the Right Flank of our Right Wing, which General *Taaffe* by a great Presence of Mind perceiving, immediately commanded about four Squadrons of light Horse to post themselves at the Foot of those Hills, which the *Turks* seem'd to press for, and by that means to have got into the Town. This Order of Count *Taaff's* was perform'd with so much Expedition, that not above 20 or 30 *Turks* gain'd the Hill, who were cut to pieces. Our General now seem'd under some uncertainty, whether

to attack the Enemy on the Hills, and push for an intire Victory, or return to our Lines, and prosecute the Siege, but the *Turks* seeming to retire, and considering how difficult the Ascent was, and how uneasy to Horse, (already so much harass'd,) how weak his Wing was, and how liable to be forc'd by an Enemy that charg'd with so much Fury, who had a Town in their view, and would be content to sacrifice their whole Army to its preservation, it was therefore thought most adviseable to return into our Lines, and press on the Siege. The *Turks* lost in this Mornings Action about 3000 of their best *Janisaries*, being all pick'd men to attempt our Line, and get into the Town by that unexpected and difficult passage. We took about 500 Prisoners, 58 Standards, and 8 pieces of Cannon. The Bassa that commanded them was kill'd, and the Aga of the *Janisaries* wounded; Mr. *Fitz-James* was in all this Action with Count *Taaffe*, behaving himself with Remarkable Gallantry. It pleas'd God, that neither he nor any of the *English* Volunteers had any hurt.

15. This Morning, the Grand Visier removed his Camp, and march'd back towards *Alba Regalis*; he strangled the Bassa who brought him News of their Defeat, and told him, *That they charg'd us like Lyons, but were receiv'd by Devils*; upon which the Grand Visier spit in his Face, and commanded him to be dispatch'd.

16. Early this Morning, the *Turkish* Standards were plac'd on the top of our Breach, at the putting up of which the Enemy shot very warmly upon them, and kill'd several of our Men. This Night, his Highness order'd a burning-Composition of Father *Gabriel's* to be fix'd to the Palisades, which burnt several of them, but before Morning the *Turks*, by unspeakable Diligence and Industry, had plac'd new ones.

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An Attempt was made to take another Lodgment nearer the *Turks* Retrenchments, but we were beaten off with loss. 17.

We wrought at a new Battery in the Line of Contravallation, to take away the Defence, and dismount the Cannon of the two Round Towers that look into *St. Paul's* Valley, which incommoded us much in passing and repassing from the *Danube* side. 18, 19.

At break of day, and just as our advanc'd Guard return'd, 3 or 4000 *Tartars* and *Fanisaries* on Horse-back, appear'd near our Lines in *St. Paul's* Valley, upon which the Trumpet sounded to Horse, but before our Men could mount, about 150 forc'd through, and got into the Town. Our ordinary Guards, which were about 500, entertain'd them for some time, till others came to their assistance, when they were repuls'd with the loss of 200 upon the place, besides the taking of several Prisoners, who told us that 2000 of these were *Fanisaries*, to whom the Grand Visier had promis'd 20 Aspers a day, during life, to all who entred the Town. 20.

Orders were given for palisading the Breach of the Lower Town, and all other Passages leading that way, and a Garison of 500 Men were put into the Round Tower by the Water-side. This day likewise our Battery of eight 24 Pounders began to play on the Round Tower looking into *St. Paul's* Valley, against which the *Turks* rais'd another of seven heavy Cannon upon the Courtine betwixt the two said Towers, which much incommoded us. 12.

22. The *Bavarians* lodg'd themselves on the top of the Castle which they had ruin'd with their Cannon. That part of the Line of Contravallation was doubled, and a large Redoubt built at the Foot of the *Swabes* Hill, all which was well palifado'd; likewise two Squadrons of Dragoons, viz. *Mercie* and *Serauc̃te* were posted on the other side of the Hill, so as to give Check to the Enemy in case of a second Attempt that way. This Night we had great storms of Wind and Rain, which forc'd the *Bavarians* from their last Lodgment, which lay very high, and expos'd to the weather.
23. The *Bavarians* repossess'd themselves of their former Lodgment. The Duke of *Lorrain* order'd a large Sap to be made into the Ditch which lay between our Lodgment and the two Walls, by that means intending to fill it up with Sand-sacks and Barrels of earth. This Night we had Notice that the Enemy was to fall upon us, upon which we kept our Horses all fadled, and our Men alert, but nothing hapned.
24. About 10 in the Morning, the Enemy shewed themselves upon the Hills where they us'd to appear beyond the great Plain, and we saw their Camp some space behind them. Our Army was drawn out to their old Post, but they not advancing, nor appearing in great Numbers, we return'd to our Camp. This day we batter'd the Town without Intermission.
25. A Defenter came from the *Turks*, that said they would attacque us the next day. This Evening the Besieged dislodg'd the *Bavarians* from their Post, which they regain'd that Night with the loss of 18 Men.

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We expected the Troops from *Transilvania* with great Impatience. A Battery of 8 Guns was plac'd to flank the Breach on the *Lorrain* side. 26.

A Boom was made cross the River with pieces of Timber, to prevent swimming into the Town. We had Notice that General *Scherffenberg* left *Zolnock* but that day, (having stay'd there five days,) which was no small trouble to us, and the more, because a Deserter assur'd us, that the Visier had settled the attacking us that very Night. That 3000 *Janisaries* had 20 Crowns apiece to come behind us, and throw themselves into the Town, while with the Army he attack'd us that Night. All our Men kept their Post, and the General sent 200 Wagons to meet General *Scherffenberg's* Foot, to bring them forward with the more Expedition. 27.

We yet see no Enemy, nor any Succor, though expected both. 28.

At Day-break, a Party of about 3000 *Janisaries* on Horse-back advanc'd along the *Danube* side by the hot Baths, to throw themselves into the Town, by the way of the lower Town, to which purpose they brought with them some Engines like Ladders, made with Boards, which they apply'd to the Wall, and about six *Turks* pass'd, who were cut off by those on the inside. About 400 rid along the Wall of the lower Town, till they came to *St. Paul's* Valley, receiving the Fire of our Lines, which was there doubled upon them; and a little further, they met some Squadrons of Horse, who cut them all off except four or five, who got into the Town. They were so confounded with our Lines and Redoubt, and by seeing Enemies on 29.

all sides, they knew not whither to turn ; some run into the General's Quarters, and thought to save themselves in the Tents, the rest of the Party seeing this ill Success retreated. We took some Prisoners, and 18 Standards. General *Mercy* was in this Action dangerously cut in the Head and Shoulders, which was our greatest loss. About an hour after this Action, the Duke of *Lorrain* had News, that the Enemy descended into the Plain, and that a strong Party appear'd behind the Hills, where we beat them the 14th. While they were giving this Account to his Highness, we discover'd 25 Squadrons of *Scherffenberg's* Men ready to pass the Bridge, upon which a Messenger was dispatch'd to hasten their march, while we prepar'd to meet the Grand Visier ; but whether the accession of those new Troops discourag'd them, or that they design'd only to amuse us, they return'd to their Post on the Hills, and we lay that Night with less apprehension than we had for several days before. Most of the *Turks* that were kill'd this day, had about them a Paper from the Grand Visier to the Bassa, to give a certain Sum of mony to every one that should get into the Town.

30. The rest of Count *Scherffenberg's* Troops arrived, being three Regiments of Foot, and two of Horse, besides some *Hungarians*. They encamp'd with their Body on our Right upon the Hills which overlook the lower Town. A great Council of War was now held, where it was debated, Whether we should advance towards the Enemy, leaving a sufficient Number to defend our Trenches, or attend them in our Lines, and continue the Siege? The later was at length resolv'd, and our Guards in the Trenches were strengthened out of the new Men.

31. We continued our Preparations for the general Assault,  
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and wrought at a Gallery in the Ditch that was to guide to the Breach. That Night the Camp was alarm'd with the Enemies advancing, and all were on Horse-back, but it prov'd but a Rumor.

All things continued quiet in the Camp, while due provision was making for the Assault the next day, which was to be on both the Attacques. Sept. 1.

The Duke of *Lorrain* before Day-break, order'd the Trenches should be fill'd with such Men as he had appointed for the Assault, that the Enemy might not by their motions discover our Design. They lay very quiet till the Cannon had broke many of the Palisadoes; and the Signal for the Assault was given, which was by 3 Discharges of six pieces of Cannon from the *Szabe's* Hill; It begun about 3 in the Afternoon under the direction of Duke of *Croy* and *Thenock* the *Brandenburgh* General, the Soldiers going on with great courage and in good order, soon reach'd the Palisadoes, and took a Post on the Flank of the Enemy which Rak'd the inside of them, and chased the *Turks* from thence, where finding no Retrenchments as was expected, persued their advantage, making great slaughter as they went. Such as escap'd fled to the Castle, where they put out a White Flag. This is the Account of our success on this side; But the *Bavarians* (who somewhat later began their Attaque,) met with different Fortune, for they were repuls'd with loss; Nor was it indeed possible to have enter'd that way; However the Duke of *Lorrain* would not permit the Duke of *Croy* to treat with those who Fled into the Castle. Leaving them to his Electoral Highness's disposal, (it being his Attacque,) who gave them Quarter. They were in number about 200, amongst which was a Bassa who was a Sub-Governor, his name was *Abdi Bassa*, the Visier or Principal Governor dying

dying gallantly upon the Breach. On the *Lorrain* side the Aga of the *Janisaries* fought bravely. There were taken of all sorts betwixt 4 and 5000, and kill'd about 3000. The slaughter was less than expected, for though both Women and Children were kill'd in the heat, yet there was more Quarter than usual from the severity of the *Germans*, especially in places taken by Storm.

'Tis remarkable, that this Glorious Success of the Christian Arms was attended with a singular Circumstance of Divine Providence, namely, that while our Army march'd with doubtful success to the Assault of the most important Frontier Post of the *Ottoman* Empire, the Grand Visier should with a greater Body of Men stand a tame Spectator of the issue of this Action, and then retire, which they did with great Precipitation.

*JACOB RICHARDS.*

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*The Plan herein-mentioned, being large, could not possibly be finished with the Journal, but being now under the Engravers hands, you may expect it, when perfected.*

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